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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Application of Satoshi SAITO and Tomohiro IKEDA  
SHOCK-ABSORBING STRUCTURE OF BATTERY COVER  
Assignee: YAZAKI CORPORATION  
Our Ref: Q80240  
Continuation of Appln.: 09/863,458

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation Application of pending prior Application No. 09/863,458 (Confirmation No. 1249) filed May 24, 2001 of Satoshi SAITO and Tomohiro IKEDA entitled SHOCK-ABSORBING STRUCTURE OF BATTERY COVER.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, 11 sheets of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 1745.

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a continuation of Application No. 09/863,458 filed May 24, 2001; the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2000-155232	May 25, 2000

The priority document was filed in parent Application No. 09/863,458.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>5</u> - 20	=	<u>0</u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u>\$0.00</u>
Independent claims	<u>2</u> - 3	=	<u>0</u>	x	\$86.00	=	<u>\$0.00</u>
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A check for the statutory fee of \$770.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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